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DIARY NOTES

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DD/S [redacted] 11 December 1961

1. I talked to Elmer Staats and Bob Macy to inform them that as a result of my telephone conversation with Mr. McCone on Sunday, 10 November, he had decided that he would reduce our budget request in some way by another $3.25 million leaving a difference of $10 million. If the Bureau found this unacceptable, Mr. McCone wished to speak to the President about it. (On 12 December, I called Bob Macy, who said that Elmer Staats had all the facts and was prepared to discuss the matter with Mr. McCone. At the Deputies' Meeting I advised Mr. McCone of this and suggested that he telephone Mr. Staats at his earliest convenience.)

2. I talked to Shef Edwards about the possibility of moving the Director's downtown office to East Building, and while from a security point of view Shef would prefer the South Building, he offered no objection.

25X1A6a 3. I also discussed briefly with Shef the Inspector General's memorandum concerning the [redacted] flap, and neither of us is inclined to accept the Inspector General's recommendation that a letter of admonition be placed in the files of Messrs.
25X1A9a [redacted] Shef is going to prepare an appropriate reply to the Inspector General.

4. Ken Sprankle, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, telephoned to request assistance again in supplying a male secretary to his staff. I asked [redacted] to get in touch with him as soon as possible and to do anything that he could to assist.

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25X1A2g 5. [redacted] was in to see me with a draft of a paper that he had participated in drafting concerning Project [redacted] The paper for the Comptroller will be coming forward for the Director's signature and I think that it will go a long ways in tidying up the
25X1A2g documentation of [redacted] accounts in the future.

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6. I talked to Les about the audit report on [redacted] pointing out that it was not a very good report and that in this instance we could not excuse ourselves because we did not have full access to the Project. He agreed but felt that the Finance personnel assigned to this Project were not the best that we could have provided, but they had been chosen because they previously had served with and had the confidence of [redacted] Les then reported that the Deputy Director (Plans) had agreed to the audit of Project
25X1A2g [redacted] and thought that this would go forward now without any further difficulty.

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7. Jim Garrison reported that the Director's old Cadillac had been disposed of.

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8. I reviewed with Jim Garrison the snow emergency plans and am satisfied that reasonable precautions have been taken for the removal of snow from the parking lots and roadways with a minimum of delay.

9. [redacted] had advised him that whereas Mr. Bissell formerly had indicated that he would send the DD/P Area Retirement Study to the Director of Personnel for his comments, he now had reason to believe that he probably would deliver it directly to Mr. McCone. 25X1A9a 25X1A6a

10. [redacted] and I suggested that the Department of Defense check with Admiral Felt to make sure that he had no requirement for or interest in our facilities there for the Department of Defense. (At the Deputies' Meeting on 12 December, Mr. McCone decided that we should go ahead and dispose of [redacted] therefore, I telephoned [redacted] and told him of this decision and said that we would like to hear whether the Department of Defense had any interest as soon as possible.) 25X1A6a 25X1A

11. Stan Beerli telephoned to invite me and anyone else that I wanted to bring to a conference in the DPD Control Room at 1330 hours on Wednesday, 13 December, to discuss air operations in Southeast Asia. Larry Houston, Gates Lloyd, and [redacted] will attend also. 25X1A

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12. Shef gave me a brief rundown on his trip to the Far East, the significant points of which are as follows: 25X1A6a

a. [redacted] - Shef thought that [redacted] Station were doing a great job. [redacted] had sent a request that he be assigned to the EE Division upon his return with the idea that he subsequently would go to the field for the EE Division. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

b. [redacted] - He thought that the Station had cut down its strength so badly that they could not do an effective job; in fact, he thought that morale and other conditions there were about as poor as any place that he saw in the Far East. He was not well impressed with [redacted] 25X1A6a 25X1A9a 25X1A6a

c. [redacted] - He said that [redacted] was doing a great job and that he was highly regarded by everybody. 25X1A9a

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running around barefoot, had long beards, etc., and generally did not appear to be a credit to us. Shef received a very poor impression of CAT's representative there, a retired Navy Captain named [redacted] 25X1A9a

e. Saigon - He said that it was a pretty busy place, and while he had no reason to believe that the Chief of Support was inadequate, he did emphasize the necessity of sending a good strong man when the tour of the present Chief of Support expired.

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tain the position of a Security Officer on his T/O. Shef also felt very
25X1A6a strongly that the [redacted] needed either a Deputy Chief of Support or
a good strong Logistics Officer, grade GS-12 or 13, who also would function
25X1A6a as a Deputy.

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g. [redacted] - Shef felt that [redacted] was doing an excellent job and, of course, everyone was eagerly awaiting the decision as to whether
25X1A6a [redacted] would be closed down at the beginning of the next Fiscal Year.
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25X1A9a 13. [redacted] were up to talk to me about the Russell [redacted] case; they brought along a new memorandum which actually contradicted the previous one. I asked them to take both of these back and write a new memorandum setting the facts straight and told them that I would approve of a recommendation not
25X1A9a [redacted] to refund some $900 which he collected upon his resignation While technically this may be questionable from a legal point of view, as a matter of equity, I do not see that [redacted] has gained anything or that 25X1A9a the Government has lost anything.

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